

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting
7:00 P.M.

July 5, 2011

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PRESENT: Chairman Eldrin Bell, Vice-Chairman Wole Ralph, Commissioner Sonna Singleton, Commissioner Michael Edmondson, Commissioner Gail B. Hambrick, and Clerk Shelby D. Haywood.

1. Chairman Bell called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation was led by Chaplain Debra Powell of the Clayton County Sheriff's Office. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Bell.

Chairman Bell recognized the presence of Henry County Commissioner Reid A. Bowman, Sr. (District 4) in the audience tonight.

3. Amended the agenda by deleting item #16 (Ordinance 2011-102 {1st Reading} – Ordinance enacted under the Home Rule Powers creating the position of County Manager pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-5-22 and abolishing the position of Chief of Staff). By law, this item has to be advertised in the county's legal organ to notify the public in a timely manner. It is scheduled to be brought back for a 1st reading at the July 19, 2011 Regular Business Meeting. Clerk Haywood announced that the Executive Session tonight will pertain to a personnel matter. The agenda was adopted, as amended, as all commissioners had copies before them. Vote unanimous.
4. Approved the June 21, 2011 Regular Business Meeting minutes and the June 22, 2011 Public Hearing minutes on the Proposed FY-2012 Annual Operating Budget. Vote unanimous.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to go into a public hearing for the purpose listed below. Vote unanimous.

5. PUBLIC HEARING: The purpose of this hearing is to take comments from the public concerning the Edward Byrne Memorial Local Law Enforcement Assistance Grant programs; Grant #2011-BJA-3031. This grant will be used to purchase equipment to establish a motorcycle unit for the Police Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE PUBLIC HEARING: (NOTE: Only one [1] individual signed up to speak on the subject of using the Edward Byrne Memorial Local Law Enforcement grant to purchase equipment to create the Clayton County Police Department's motorcycle unit.) Her comments are listed as follows:

1. Sonja Sleeper reminded the Board that it wanted to raise the millage rate for property taxes to balance a budget deficit, but yet it is considering the creation of a motorcycle unit for the Police Department that is mostly unfunded. She candidly expressed that the county

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cannot afford to do that. It does not matter if the county receives grant money because the unit has to be manned, supplied, maintained, and trained. Ms. Sleeper voiced that this is not a good use of funds because the county does not have enough money to maintain what it has. She would be amenable to finding a more economic and efficient way to run the Police Department to save money. Adding to the problem is not a good idea even if the county receives grant monies. That is essentially the county's problem. It gets grant money to construct buildings, but it cannot maintain building operation – so she objected to this use of grant money.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to go out of the Public Hearing on the Edward Byrne Memorial Law Enforcement Grant for the Police Department. Vote unanimous.

6. RECOGNITION: Presentation of 2011 Kids Outdoor Initiative Scholarship Recipients – Victoria Starr/Forest Park Middle; Abigail Dixon/Babb Middle; Porsher Leigh/Sequoyah Middle; Matthew Johnson/Morrow Middle; Malik Clark/Sequoyah Middle; Tran Nguyen/Mundy's Mill Middle; Hector Facio/Eddie White Academy; Anthony Edwards/Lovejoy Middle; Sydney-Alyce Bourget/Elite Scholars Academy; and Marisha Robinson/Babb Middle. (NOTE: Representative Glenn Baker made remarks following the recognition of these middle school students.)

Clerk Haywood announced that for the second year, Parks and Recreation will chaperone the ten (10) above-mentioned Clayton County Middle School students on a 3-day trip to Jekyll Island on July 18th. The purpose of this trip is to experience and study Jekyll Island's natural environment. In 2009, the Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution supporting the Kids Outdoor Initiative and the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. Also in 2009, Representative Glenn Baker introduced a Resolution in the Georgia House in support of the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. This Bill of Rights recommends that every child, by the age of 14, should have an opportunity to experience a list of ten distinct outdoor activities, such as:

- Exploring Nature
- Camping under the stars
- Following a trail
- Playing on a team

The 7th and 8th grade students participating in this year's trip, courtesy of a scholarship provided from proceeds of the Kids Outdoor Initiative Festival, Barbeque Competition, and Lake Spivey Road Race, were chosen through a 250-word essay competition.

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(NOTE: Group photos of the students, commissioners, and Parks and Recreation representatives were taken after the students' names were called. Representative Glenn Baker made these remarks afterwards.)

Representative Baker thanked the Board for its support. Without that support, he stated this program would not be in place. Representative Baker also expressed appreciation to Detrick Stanford, Parks and Recreation Director, and his staff for their hard work. Per Representative Baker, Clayton County has the finest recreation program in the State of Georgia. When he and Mr. Stanford decided to launch this initiative, other county representatives asked him about his plans for the program. When those representatives heard what Clayton County was doing for the first year, they got involved in recruiting kids to become more connected to the great outdoors. Representative Baker stressed that this initiative represents all of Clayton County, not just in District 78 where he lives. Last year, he and Mr. Stanford took ten (10) kids to Jekyll Island and there was a staff of three (3) persons to run the program. He jokingly commented that the staff and kids all came back alive. Everybody had so much fun. As a note of interest, Representative Baker stated the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and 4-H personnel worked together for the first time in this program through a research festival. This present group of students will experience that activity as well. The program is set up to be informative and interesting, and these kids just absorb everything like a sponge. He again thanked the Board and the Parks and Recreation staff for their support in and dedication to making this program the best it could be.

7. PROCLAMATION: "Clayton Observes July 2011 as Parks and Recreation Month" (presented by Chairman Eldrin Bell).

8. PROCLAMATION: "Clayton County Honors Community Activist Keisha M. Barnett" (presented by Vice-Chairman Wole Ralph).

9. PROCLAMATION: "Clayton County Honors Community Activist Rosa C. Mason" (presented by Vice-Chairman Ralph).

(NOTE: Group photos were taken of the above proclamation recipients with the Board. Clerk Haywood read the proclamations for the benefit of the audience afterwards.)

10. Barbara Whitton, Purchasing Administrator of Central Services, presented the following items which resulted in these actions:

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1) Approved a Change Order Request (RFP #04-97/Purchase Order #05003528) for SPLOST 2004 Consultant Design Services, Right-of-Way Services and Optional CEI Services for the Widening and Reconstruction of Godby Road, as requested by the Transportation and Development Department. Vote unanimous.

The supplemental costs have been reviewed by Jeff Metarko, Director of Transportation and Development, and his staff. This request is for a change order in the amount of \$15,825.00 for the original awarded vendor, B&E Jackson located in Atlanta, Georgia. The request is to increase the original contract value of \$449,429.00 to the requested, revised contract value of \$715,685.00. Funding for this change order is available in the 2004 SPLOST Program budget.

2) Approved a Request to Waive the Sealed Bid Requirement for the SPLOST 2004 Consultant Design Services, Right-of-Way Services and Optional Services for the Widening and Reconstruction of Godby Road (RFP #04-97/Purchase Order #05003528). Vote unanimous.

The request is to waive the sealed bid requirement and authorize a contract with MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., located in Kennesaw, Georgia. The Georgia Department of Transportation maintains a pre-approved list of consultants for the required Value Engineering Studies and assigns projects to a pre-approved vendor when required. GDOT has assigned the Godby Road Widening project to MACTEC and has scheduled the Value Engineering Study for August 29, 2011 to September 1, 2011. The cost of the Value Engineering Study for the Godby Road Widening project is \$39,275.16. Funds are available in the 2004 SPLOST budget.

3) Approved the Brown Road over Swamp Creek, Bridge Repair Emergency Purchase. Vote unanimous.

Based on the information provided by Jeff Metarko, Director of Transportation and Development, the Brown Road Bridge was recently inspected by the Georgia Department of Transportation and as a result, the weight capacity was downgraded due to its condition. There is a school located at Brown Road and Poston Road. The school system buses exceed the weight limit of the bridge; therefore, this situation causes difficulty in the routing of school buses.

The request is to contract with McCarthy Improvement/Bellamy Bridge Builders located in Atlanta, Georgia, at a total repair cost of \$24,668.00. Funds are available through the 2009 SPLOST fund.

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Chairman Bell asked Mr. Metarko if this bridge repair will be completed in time for the school year.

Mr. Metarko answered that he hoped it would be completed in time for the opening of schools. The vendor, McCarthy Improvement/Bellamy Bridge Builders, has estimated two (2) weeks to make the emergency repairs to obtain proper mobilization. Completion of the bridge repair within that time frame will hopefully be before the start of school.

11. Angela Jackson, Director of Finance, presented one request to the Board which resulted in this action:

1) Approved a Request for Refund of Board of Zoning Appeals Variance Fees to Duoli, LLC in Jonesboro, Georgia, in the amount of \$400.00. This amount will be returned due to the Board's denial of a Conditional Use Permit. Vote unanimous.

12. Approved Resolution 2011-98 authorizing Clayton County, on behalf of the Aviation Unit of the Clayton County Police Department, to enter into an agreement with the United States Army approved and coordinated through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, for a surplus helicopter (not in flying condition) to be used for parts. Vote unanimous.

13. Approved Resolution 2011-99 authorizing the certification and submittal of the Clayton County Georgia Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Annual Report to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division on behalf of the Transportation and Development Department. Vote unanimous.

14. Approved Resolution 2011-100 amending a resolution creating a Joint Development Authority of Metropolitan Atlanta so as to provide for the addition of members to its Board of Directors; Henry County and Vice-Chairmen of various county development authorities. The motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Edmondson opposed.

Commissioner Edmondson requested clarification on the addition of the Vice-Chairmen of various development authorities to this Joint Development Authority of Metropolitan Atlanta. He questioned if that would be the Development Authority of Clayton County or Henry County. Vice-Chairman Ralph replied that it would be the Vice-Chairmen of each one of those named entities. For Clayton County, it would be the Development Authority which Larry Vincent chairs.

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15. Approved Resolution 2011-101 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a contract with the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Commissioner's Office, Children's Community Based Initiative and, in accordance therewith, accept grant funds (\$44,000.00 with no match) for the Family Connection Collaborative Plan. Vote unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mary Thompson, a Morrow, Georgia resident, informed the Board that she was a part of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program. Her comments might come as a surprise to the commissioners, but this organization was very thankful for the Board's support. She presented a "Thank You" book to the Board that represented the collaborative expressions of appreciation from the grandparents and the children. Ms. Thompson urged the board to read the "thank you" letters from these persons because she took a lot of time compiling this book. She then presented the book to Clerk Haywood for the Board to review later. Ms. Thompson also proudly told the Board that five (5) of the Outdoor Kids Initiative scholarship recipients were raised by grandparents.

2. Mr. J. S. Lane addressed some issues he had with the Frank Bailey Senior Center. He recently moved from New Jersey to Clayton County, and there appears to be a problem with establishing residency in order to access the services of county senior center facilities. Mr. Lane stated his issue is he cannot give up his driver's license for another fourteen months because he has to maintain his law enforcement certification in New Jersey. He had spoken to one of the commissioner's constituent aides as well as Mary Byrd, Senior Services Director, about this problem today and the issue still remains with establishing residency. Sharon Kellam (Vice-Chairman Ralph's constituent aide) explained to him that many people come to Clayton County and acquire property, but they do not live here. That is not his case; Mr. Lane explained that he lives in Clayton County at 9726 Washington Circle. There should be some other form of establishing residency besides a driver's license. He reiterated that he could not give up his driver's license at this time. Mr. Lane noted that he went to Fayetteville to give a county I.D. and was told to give up his driver's license there. After speaking with Ms. Byrd and Ms. Kellam, he understood that this was a requirement that was enforced right now. He requested that the Board consider some other means of residency identification besides asking someone to give up his/her driver's license. Mr. Lane felt that in establishing residency, his name would appear on his utility bills and the tax roll – which could be alternative identification documents to establish residency.

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Chairman Bell replied that he would ask Ms. Byrd to handle Mr. Lane's request. Ms. Byrd would then report her findings to the Board. Mr. Lane reminded Chairman Bell that he had already spoken to Ms. Byrd today. Chairman Bell stressed that Ms. Byrd was going to talk to Mr. Lane again to address his issue.

3. Mr. Wayne Madden hoped the commissioners had a good holiday (July 4th) because his was not so good. Someone slashed his right front car tire, and he was not very happy about that incident. In the budget meeting last week, he noticed the county had many budget challenges. If he were fortunate to run for a commission seat and win, Mr. Madden stated he would like to work for approximately \$1.00. He issued a challenge to anybody who could match that. Mr. Madden thanked the Board for its time and wished everyone a good evening.

4. Carl Swensson was concerned about the way the county budget has been handled. It appeared to him that everyone has focused on taxes spent as opposed to cutting back to the reasonable amounts that the situation demands. People are losing jobs and not receiving increases in pay. Also, the actual money coming into households is decreasing. Despite these challenges, the county is looking at a SPLOST increase and he was not sure if the Development Authority would tag on another tax. All of these increases are happening during a time in which citizens do not have monies coming into their households to funnel back to the county. Mr. Swensson asked the Board to give serious consideration to doing what citizens have to do at home, and that is to live within a budget. He also requested that the Board take a serious look at the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and dig there for the increases that it needs to find. Mr. Swensson had heard the Board refer to 2004 SPLOST monies that are still not spent. He concluded that the Board could find monies in the CAFR without having to increase taxes.